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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Joint Resolution

No. 19

Introduced by Assembly Member Ma

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bass, Berg, De La Torre, De Leon, Dymally, Gaines, Hancock, Hayashi, Jones, Lieber, Nakanishi, Salas, ~~and Strickland~~ *Strickland, Adams, Aghazarian, Anderson, Arambula, Beall, Benoit, Berryhill, Blakeslee, Brownley, Caballero, Cook, Coto, Davis, DeSaulnier, Duvall, Eng, Evans, Feuer, Fuller, Galgiani, Garcia, Garrick, Hernandez, Horton, Houston, Huff, Huffman, Karnette, Krekorian, Laird, Leno, Levine, Maze, Mendoza, Mullin, Nava, Niello, Parra, Plescia, Portantino, Price, Richardson, Saldana, Smyth, Spitzer, Swanson, Torrico, Tran, Villines, and Wolk*)

(Coauthor: Senator Aanestad)

March 5, 2007

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 19—Relative to the Healthy Families Program.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 19, as amended, Ma. Healthy Families Program.

This measure would memorialize each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States to ensure that the Congress timely reauthorizes the State Children's Health Insurance Program to assure adequate federal funding for the Healthy Families Program. The measure would also urge the Governor to use his best efforts to work with the Congressional delegation in that regard and to

provide meaningful assistance to help identify and enroll children who qualify for Medi-Cal or the Healthy Families Program.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The Legislature regards the health of our children
2 to be of paramount importance to families in our state; and

3 WHEREAS, The Legislature regards poor child health as a
4 threat to the educational achievement, and social and psychological
5 well-being of the children in our state; and

6 WHEREAS, The Legislature considers protecting the health of
7 our children to be essential to the well-being of our youngest
8 citizens and the quality of life in our state; and

9 WHEREAS, The Legislature considers California's State
10 Children's Health Insurance Program, the Healthy Families
11 Program, to be an integral part of the arrangements for health
12 benefits for children of our state; and

13 WHEREAS, The Legislature recognizes the value of the Healthy
14 Families Program in preserving child wellness, preventing and
15 treating childhood disease, improving health outcomes, and
16 reducing overall health costs; and

17 WHEREAS, The Legislature considers the federal funding
18 available for the Healthy Families Program to be indispensable to
19 providing health benefits for children of modest means and finds
20 that the success in increasing enrollment of eligible uninsured
21 children across the country has caused expenditures of funds to
22 exceed the annual federal allotment; now, therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*
24 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature urges the members of
25 California's delegation to the United States Congress to ensure
26 that the Congress timely reauthorizes the State Children's Health
27 Insurance Program to assure adequate federal funding for the
28 Healthy Families Program; and be it further

29 *Resolved,* That the Legislature urges the Governor to use his
30 best efforts to work with the California Congressional delegation
31 to ensure that the State Children's Health Insurance Program is
32 reauthorized with adequate funding and in a timely manner; and
33 be it further

34 *Resolved,* That the Legislature proclaims that all components
35 of state government should work together with educators, health
36 care providers, social workers, and parents to ensure that all

1 available public and private assistance for providing health benefits
2 to uninsured children in this state be used to the maximum extent
3 possible; and be it further

4 *Resolved*, That the Legislature urges the Governor to use his
5 best efforts to provide meaningful assistance to help identify and
6 enroll children who qualify for Medi-Cal or the Healthy Families
7 Program; and be it further

8 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
9 of this resolution to the Governor, to each Senator and
10 Representative from California in the Congress of the United
11 States, and to the author for appropriate distribution.